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Comments: Please protect our Indiana old-growth forests!! Note: 1. Eastern Deciduous forests are part of this important plan amendment. They must be considered an endangered ecosystem, distinct from forests in the west. 2. Mature growth must be allowed to grow to old growth status to adhere to President Biden's Executive Order 14072, and managed differently than younger forests. 3. All current projects must be paused until amendments can be made to protect these forests. 4. The Forest Service must recognize that old growth forests in the east have not been significantly disturbed 80 years or more. They have developed the greatest species diversity and span of ages that make them more resistant to pests and diseases and more resistant to climate change. Their management for old growth conditions should not ignore this fact and eliminate those undisturbed conditions under the ruse of addressing "forest health". PLEASE, protect our HNF!!!